Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Yes, just before monsoon.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—I know the conditions in Malnad and I know when the monsoon begins in Mangalore. I am very emphatic that he has gone on election campaign.

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMAIAH.—Legislature business concerning other Ministers is not before the House. I agree there are some questions, but the practice generally is to postpone those questions to a later date and they will be taken up again when they are present in the House.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Sir, last time when this question came up, I pointed out that so far as the practice in Lok Sabha is concerned, the Speaker took severe objection to the Ministers not being present in the House. I suggest that the practice of Lok Sabha may be followed here. Lok Sabha practice which requires that Ministers should be present on the particular day is more or less prevalent so far as the questions are concerned, because the questions are printed one day in advance. The Minister concerned has adequate notice. If any extraordinary situation crops up, then the question is different. But my submission is that the Chair will have to give a specific ruling in respct of this matter. Let us know definitely that we have to adopt a particular course of action and we shall not allow ourselves to be subjected to the vagaries of the Ministers as well as the monsoon. My submission is that a clear directive from the Chair should be given.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—That will be considered. There has been sufficient discussion of the matter. Let us now proceed to the regular business.

Vehicles under each Regional Transport Authority in the State.

Q.—2105. Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO (Hirekerur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of vehicles under the jurisdiction of each Regional Transport Authority in the State ;

(*b*) the number of State Transport Buses plying in North Karnatak, Hyderbad Karnatak and old Mysore ?

A.—Sri C. M. POONACHA (Minister for Home Affairs and Industries).—

(*a*) *Vide* statement appended.

(*b*) North Karnatak ... 422
Hyderabad Karnatak ... 61
Old Mysore ... 294

Statement showing the particulars of motor vehicles as on 1st April 1957.

Sl. No.	*Name of the District*	*No. of Motor vehicles*
1.	Bangalore District	9,456
2.	Kolar District	759
3.	Tumkur District	508
4.	Chitaldrug District	575
5.	Bellary District	820
6.	Mysore District	1,857
7.	Shimoga District	1,238
8.	Mandya District	380
9.	Hassan District	528
10.	Chickmagalur District	801
11.	Belgaum District	1,946
12.	Dharwar District	1,700
13.	Bijapur District	685

Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of Motor vehicles
14.	North Kanara District	660
15.	Coorg District	913
16.	South Kanara District	2,335
17.	Raichur District	742
18.	Bidar District	228
19.	Gulbarga District	498

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—I wanted to know the number of regional authorities. Can I take it to mean that there are as many regional authorities as there are districts?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Yes, there has been a change now and regional authorities have been constituted for each district.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Since what date?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Since January.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Of these vehicles, can the Hon'ble Minister give out figures of trucks, motor cars and passenger buses?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—It is a big list. Anyhow, I will read this for the information of the House. Bangalore Corporation: Motor buses 1,62[illegible], cars 4,371 and goods vehicles 1,827.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Can that list not be placed on the table, Sir?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—It is a big list. I have no objection to place it on the table of the House.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO,—May I know from the figures supplied to answer (*b*), the number of buses that our Government received from the erstwhile Governments of Bombay and Hyderabad respectively?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—It is separately given. North Karnataka—422 and Hyderabad—61.

1-30 P.M.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Out of 422 buses, how many were received from the Bombay Government at the time of integration?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—I have no information about it.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Out of the 432 buses plying in North Karnatak, how many are in good order and how many are out of order?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—All are in good order.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—The Hon'ble Home Minister was pleased to say that all the new vehicles that were received were sent to the Raichur District. May I know whether these 61 buses represent them?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—The report is that some of them were received from the Hyderabad Karnatak and some more additions have been made to them.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Is it not a fact that the number of buses are plying in North Karnatak are insufficient and hence there is overcrowding in the buses?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—That has been brought to the notice of the Government and the Government has got a programme to increase the number to 480.

Sri A. R. BADRI NARAYAN.—Does the number of vehicles mentioned include private cars also?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Yes.

Sri P. G. SIDHANTI.—May I know the number of routes on which these 432 buses are plying?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—I am not able to give all the routes because all the big routes except small by-lanes have been taken up by the State Government.

Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA.—May I know whether all the State vehicles are also included in the number of vehicles plying in Bangalore District?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Yes.

Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA.—May I know the routes which the Government intend to nationalise in 1958-59?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—I do not think it arises out of this question.

ಶ್ರೀ. ಎಸ್. ಪೈ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.— ತಾವು ಉತ್ತರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಬಸ್ಸುಗಳೂ ಉತ್ತಮವಾಗಿವೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ. ಆದರೆ ಎಷ್ಟೋ ಬಸ್ಸುಗಳು ಹಳೆಯು ವಾಗಿದ್ದು ದಾರಿ ಮಧ್ಯದಲ್ಲೇ ನಿಂತು ಜನರಿಗೆ ತ್ರಾಸ ಆಗುವುದು ಗೊತ್ತೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಸ್. ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ.—ಮೊನ್ನೆತಾನೆ ಒಳಾ ಡಳಿತ ನಡೆವರು ಕೆಲವು ಬಸ್ಸುಗಳು ಬಹಳ ಹಳೆಯದಾ ಗಿವೆ, ಅವಕ್ಕೆ ಬದಲಾಗಿ ಹೊಸದು ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು.

Sri P. G. SIDHANTI.—Are there any by-lane routes?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—I meant small routes.

Sri P. G. SIDHANTI.—Is it not a fact that the small routes are also under the State control?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Yes, but there are also private buses running in small routes the distance of which is not much.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Will the Government be able to give total mileage on which State buses are plying?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—That information is not available.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Is there any provision made this year for the purchase of new buses?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Yes, certainly.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—For how many buses?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Fifty buses are going to be purchased and placed at the disposal of the Road Transport Authority.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ.—ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಿಂದ ಚಿತ್ರ ದುರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗುವ ಜೋಗೀವಾಟ್ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ರೆಸ್ಸು ರಾತ್ರಿಹೊತ್ತು ದಾರಿ ಮಧ್ಯದಲ್ಲೇ ನಿಂತುಹೋಗು ತ್ತದೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಗೊತ್ತೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಸ್. ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ.—ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ತಾವೇ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ.—ಆ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಏನು ಏರ್ಪಾಡು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಸ್. ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ.—ಈಗ ಮತ್ತೆ ಹೇಳಿ ದ್ದೀರಲ್ಲಾ, ವಿಚಾರ ಮಾಡೋಣ.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Out of these 50 buses to be purchased, how many will be made available to the North Karnatak for being plied there?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—We have not made any allotment as yet. We will place them at the disposal of the Transport Authority for being plied in those routes where there is absolute necessity.

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Recovery of Arrears of Taxes from the R.M.D.C.

Q.—999. Sri K. KENCHAPPA (Hiriyur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the period for which the accounts of the R.M.D.C. Cross Words (Mysore) Private Limited were audited by the State Accounts Department and the reason for not auditing the accounts of the previous and subsequent periods;

(*b*) the amounts (actual or probable) that the Company will have to pay if recoveries on account of taxes are made as per remarks of the Auditors and on accounts subsequent to stay order issued by the Court mentioning the nature of security obtained by the court granting stay order for the recovery of the amount that may become due.

(*c*) whether there is any chance of recovery of the entire arrears of the tax taking into consideration the existing circumstances of the Company;

(*d*) the directives they have received from the Central Government in this respect?

A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Minister for Finance).—

(*a*) and (*b*) Answers to these questions cannot be given, as they are the basis of the claims by Government in respect of which coercive steps are being taken. In the suit by the R.M.D.C. in the District Court, they have *inter alia* prayed for an injunction restraining the State from recovering the dues. Hence the matters are *sub judice*.

(*c*) Question of recovery will arise only after the proceedings pending in Courts are disposed of.

(*d*) The directions are confidential and it is not in the public interest to disclose them.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know the difficulties of the Government